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1. EMBASSY SEOUL TIPS ITS HAT TO USUN FOR ITS TREMENDOUS EFFORTS ON THE KOREAN ITEM. THESE EFFORTS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE KOREANS, WHO ARE EQUALLY - IF NOT EVEN MORE SO - FRUSTRATED BY AN EXERCISE WHOSE REWARDS ARE SMALL RELATIVE TO THE IMMENSITY OF THE LABORS.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, DANGER OF HOSTILITIES IN NORTHEAST ASIA WOULD ONLY BE INCREASED AND U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS WHICH REQUIRE OUR CONTINUED MILITARY PRESENCE HERE WOULD BE POORLY SERVED BY WHAT IS SUGGESTED IN FIRST PARA OF REFTTEL, PROBLEM IS NOT SIMPLY WHETHER ROK WILL DEFEND ITSELF. THAT IT WILL DO. (USUN MIGHT BE BRIEFED ON ROKG MILITARY CAPABILITIES, AS WELL AS COMPLIMENTARY U.S. ROLE.) PROBLEM HERE IS ONE OF PREVENTING HOSTILITIES OR EVEN INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF HOSTILITIES FROM TOTALLY DESTROYING STABILITY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IF BETTER SOLUTION THAN PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS TO BE FOUND, IT WILL HAVE TO COME THROUGH PATIENT EFFORT AND PERSEVERANCE IN FACE OF EVEN SUCH ADVERSITY AS USUN FACES IN CARRYING OUT ITS PART OF THIS EFFORT.
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